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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Re: Application of RCLEC, Incorporated for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Resold Long Distance Telecommunications Services and for Flexible Regulation of Its Local Exchange Services and for Alternative Regulation of Its Long Distance Offerings
Docket No. 2015-75-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") reviewed the Application of RCLEC, Incorporated ("RCLEC") and does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina granting the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange and Resold Long Distance Telecommunications Services, and for Flexible Regulation of its Local Exchange Services and Alternative Regulation of its Long Distance Service Offerings. ORS respectfully requests that it be permitted to be excused from the hearing in this matter, and as such, ORS does not intend to file direct testimony in the above referenced case. However, in the event the Commission does not grant ORS's request to be excused from the hearing, ORS reserves its right to file testimony.

By copy of this letter we are serving all parties of record. Thank you for your consideration regarding our request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

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